

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Brian William HOLMES et al.

Application No.: 10/520,368

Filed: January 6, 2005

Docket No.: 122347

For: OPTICALLY VARIABLE SECURITY DEVICE

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a), this petition is filed to request acceptance and examination of the above-identified application without the signature on the Declaration of one of the two joint inventors of the claimed subject matter.

Attached hereto, in support of this Petition, is a Statement of Facts Under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) of Mr. Tim Berridge that includes personal knowledge of the facts summarized below relating to the unavailability of the joint inventor to sign the Declaration for this application.

The unavailable, and therefore non-signing, joint inventor is Dr. Kenneth J. Drinkwater. Dr. Drinkwater's last known address is:

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United Kingdom

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I. Background

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/520,368 was filed on January 6, 2005, in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office without an executed Declaration. This application is a U.S. National Phase Application of PCT Application No. PCT/GB02/03174.

A Declaration signed by ONE of the TWO joint inventors, Brian William Holmes, on behalf of himself, and on behalf of Dr. Drinkwater is attached.

II. Statement of Facts

1. Dr. Drinkwater was employed by DE LA RUE INTERNATIONAL LIMITED (hereinafter "DE LA RUE"), DE LA RUE House, Jays Close, Viables, Basingstoke, Hampshire RG22 4BS, England. When leaving DE LA RUE, Dr. Drinkwater provided as contact information only a forwarding address, which he subsequently updated to the "last known address" indicated above.

2. A letter enclosing the complete application (including the specification, claims and drawings), and Declaration and Assignment documents relating to the subject application were sent to Dr. Drinkwater's last known address on January 27, 2005. This letter requested that Dr. Drinkwater execute and return the Declaration and Assignment documents.

3. Dr. Drinkwater apparently signed for the letter, as indicated on a certified mail receipt, but no reply was received from Dr. Drinkwater regarding this letter. Copies of the January 27 letter and the certified mail receipt are attached.

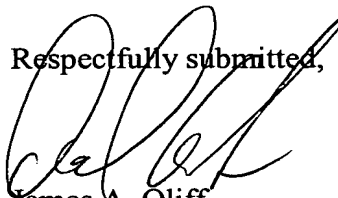
III. Actions Requested

Diligent efforts to contact Dr. Drinkwater at his last known address have failed. The facts relied upon to establish diligent effort are set forth in the attached Statement of Facts under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a). The last known address of Dr. Drinkwater is provided above.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a) have been satisfied with regard to the unavailable inventor. Specifically, the following requirements have been met: (1) the single available joint inventor has made an

Oath or Declaration on his behalf as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.63, and has made an Oath or Declaration on behalf of the unavailable non-signing joint inventor as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.64; (2) Applicant has provided proof of the pertinent facts surrounding the unavailability of the unavailable non-signing joint inventor; (3) Applicant has provided the last known address of the unavailable non-signing joint inventor; and (4) Applicant has paid the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(g). Check No. 181358 for \$200.00 is attached. Please credit any overpayment or debit any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two additional copies of this Petition are provided.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that this application be accepted for examination without Dr. Drinkwater's signature. If any further information is required in order to obtain acceptance and examination of this application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.47, 1.63 and/or 1.64, Applicants' representatives invite the Patent Office to contact them at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

James A. Oliff
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Daniel A. Tanner, III
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Attachment:
Statement of Facts under 37 C.F.R. §1.47(a)

Date: June 28, 2006

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Sir:

I, Tim Berridge, hereby declare and certify the following regarding my personal knowledge of the facts summarized below relating to the unavailability, or refusal, of the joint inventor to sign the Declaration for this application.

The non-signing joint inventor is Dr. Kenneth J. Drinkwater. Dr. Drinkwater's last known address is:

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Respectfully submitted,

Tim Berridge
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Dear Dr Drinkwater

US Patent Application Corresponding to PCT/GB02/03174
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Case Ref: M231

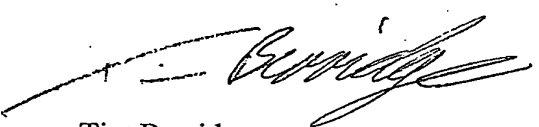
The patentee, De La Rue International Limited, is proposing to make this application effective in the USA. A copy of the patent is enclosed for your reference.

We are obliged to have the assignment and inventorship forms completed by all inventors as part of the prosecution process.

As you are one of the named inventors I would be grateful if you can arrange to sign the enclosed documents and return them to myself in the stamp addressed envelope provided, at your earliest convenience.

May I thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely



Tim Berridge
Currency & Security Products Divisional IP Manager

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DECLARATION UNDER 35 USC §371(c)(4) FOR PCT APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below under my name;

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought, namely the invention entitled: OPTICALLY VARIABLE SECURITY DEVICE

described and claimed in international application number PCT/GB02/03174 filed July 10, 2002.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56.

Under Title 35, U.S. Code §119, the priority benefits of the following U.S. and/or foreign application(s) filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns within one year prior to my international application are hereby claimed:

The following application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention were filed in countries foreign to the United States of America either (a) more than one year prior to my international application, or (b) before the filing date of the above-named foreign priority application(s):

ALL CORRESPONDENCE IN CONNECTION WITH THIS APPLICATION SHOULD BE SENT TO OLIFF & BERRIDGE, PLC, CUSTOMER NUMBER 25944, TELEPHONE (703) 836-6400.

I hereby declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of this Declaration, and that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

1	Typewritten Full Name of Sole or First Inventor:	Brian	William	HOLMES
		Given Name	Middle Initial	Family Name
2	Inventor's Signature:	<u>Brian Holmes</u>		
3	Date of Signature:	<u>26.07.02</u>		
		Month	Day	Year
	Residence:	Fleet	Hants	United Kingdom
		City	State or Province	Country
	Citizenship:	<u>United Kingdom</u>		
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Note to Inventor: Please sign name on line 2 exactly as it appears in line 1 and insert the actual date of signing on line 3.

IF THERE IS MORE THAN ONE INVENTOR USE PAGE 2 AND PLACE AN "X" HERE ☒
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1	Typewritten Full Name of Joint Inventor:	<u>Kenneth</u>	<u>John</u>	<u>DRINKWATER</u>
		Given Name	Middle Initial	Family Name
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This form may be executed only when attached to the first page of the Declaration and Power of Attorney of the application to which it pertains.

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